

# UASIN GISHU COUNTY ASSEMBLY

## HANSARD

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*[Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Lamai) in the Chair]*

## PRAYERS

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**Deputy Speaker:** Clerk, Honourable Jonathan on behalf of the Leader of Government Business you can move that Motion.

## MOTION

### DEBATE ON GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

**MCA Ngetich:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise on behalf of the Leader of Majority Honourable Josphat Lowoi to move a Motion:

That the County Governor's address during the opening of the Second Assembly – First session on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017; that the thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to take this opportunity to thank the Almighty God and thank the governor for the County address on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017. As per the law it was mandatory for the governor to open the second Assembly. In doing, so the governor gave the address which was tabled in this House on that day. The address of the governor touched on various concerns and issues that affect the people of Uasin Gishu. In a nutshell the governor addressed the development agenda that the County government of Uasin Gishu did for the first government, that is, from 2013 to 2017 and as well highlighted what the County government will do or shall do.

As per the governor's address, which I believe the Honourable Members have gone through, there are priority areas that the County government of Uasin Gishu would like to be achieved in the Financial Year 2017/2018. Key in the address of the governor is the department of water. In the address the governor would like that the people of Uasin Gishu be supplied with clean piped water. In that address it will go hand in hand, that this County Assembly and the executive will work together so that we can achieve that priority for the people of Uasin Gishu to get clean piped water for domestic use and as well as irrigation.

In the address as well the governor gave a second priority to the department of agriculture and especially when it comes to budget which was enhanced.

Then thirdly is the department of health services. The governor addressed and touched on the health services that drugs, nurses and other medics in that department be remunerated well so that the people of Uasin Gishu can be served better.

Then of course we had a priority which was number one for the last five years: the department of Roads and Infrastructure and as well we are going to put a lot of emphasis as the County Government of Uasin Gishu.

Then the last point to note - and the Governor noted as well - is that as the County Assembly of Uasin Gishu let us play our roles effectively and the Governor mentioned that the role of the Member of County Assembly is to represent the people of each constituency he or she is here for.

Secondly is to do legislation in this County Assembly and thirdly is to do oversight. The Governor urged this House that let the separation of powers be seen clearly and that we need to do serious oversight, we need to do representation; we need to discuss and approve policies. I would want to urge this House that we do exactly that.

With those many remarks, I move the Motion. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Who is seconding you, Honourable Jonathan?

**MCA Ngetich:** Now that our Leader of Majority is here and I have moved on his behalf of which I was to second; I would kindly request him to second the Motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Lowoi, you can proceed.

**MCA Lowoi:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to second the Motion moved on my behalf by Honourable Jonathan Ngetich from Kaptagat Ward. In seconding this Motion I would want to highlight issues raised by the governor on his first address and what should come clearly to our minds is that the First Governor's address is actually his agendas. This is the manifesto of the Governor and it is brought to this House because we represent the public, we represent Uasin Gishu County so that we can adopt as it is or we can discuss it otherwise so that we can all agree as we prepare our budgets going forward.

In the Governor's address he also congratulated the people of Uasin Gishu County for electing us and the parties for nominating Members to this County Assembly. Actually the people of Uasin Gishu County saw us fit that we can serve them and serve their interest. That is why in the Governor's address he insists that in any other debate that we are going to carry on in the Floor of this House, we need to carry debates that will better the lives of our people and that are a calling inside us. When we were moving around asking for votes from our people, we actually told our people what we want to do for them. When we are nominated to represent women, youth and people living with disability, we have the ideas and we have their human cry and we know actually what they need to do in this life.

It is therefore Honourable through this speech of the governor that we follow that to the letter, which he has said in his own writing, he has said in his own speech to this House that he is going to consider those groups; he is going to consider youth by creating employment. Those of us

nominated to represent the youth should hold the governor responsible through his own speech and through his own address to this County Assembly and make sure that we push to ensure that our youth get employment through all the other avenues that he has brought about.

On the issues of priority, during the last government the governor said clearly that he had prioritized roads but if you see in the year 2017-2022, he is clearly indicating that he will prioritize issues to do with water, health and agriculture. In fact he talked more about agriculture and if us Members buy that idea from the governor, then let us be ready to budget huge amount of money to agriculture so that the dream of the governor in this speech can be achieved. If we do not put money equivalent to what he has promised then that dream will just go that way. It is brought to this House so that any time we approve a budget we make sure that we consider his remarks in his speech.

On health issues, in the last government there are some sub- county hospitals that never even started. We want to thank the people of Kesses because sometimes when we moved around we saw a sub-county hospital in Kesses. The contractor has done a tremendous job and it is a very good facility but every other sub-county needs the same facility so that we reduce the backlog at MTRH. MTRH is a national facility. As we speak, we do not have a county hospital but if we do our sub – county hospitals, every sub-county to have a sub-county hospital, that can provide services on all medical issues then we will reduce the backlog we are running and the traffic we are creating in MTRH.

I want to call upon us and our various committees, in this address let us pick what concerns our department. If the governor has talked about buying the four drilling machines and other assorted machinery to help in issues of de-silting our dams and drilling water for our schools, hospitals and everybody; can that Committee responsible for environment, water, energy and natural resources carry that and make sure that we push and we push the department concerned with that to make sure that, that dream is realized. It is good to speak on paper but now the implementers are us. The governor has left this with us and in his dream he says, ‘this House will help me achieve what I want to do for our people’.

Also as the Members of this County Assembly we had dreams for our people. The governor has given us his speech; what is our role? When you are walking around - I want just to use an example. Lunguch - Honourable Bett, you come from the same ward from the governor but there is a village where the governor promised water and you promised to do a *boda boda* shed. How are you going to harmonise the two because the governor will work hard to make sure that the water is there; what of yours? Come 2022 people will hold you responsible for what you said using your own mouth. You said, ‘I will construct a *boda boda* shed here. So during the budgeting issues we should harmonize our dreams with the governor’s dream and make sure that we move forward together as a government not separate ourselves in ways that will deter and bar development to our people.

In seconding this Motion, I call upon each and every other committee through this address of the governor we will get quite a number of Bills. Through this governor’s address we will get quite a number of Motions. Through this governor’s address it is going to kick-start committees to start working. For now we are still fresh. We are new in this House. We don’t know what to do but let us pick what the governor has said. We can even book an appointment with him as a committee

and ask him, ‘you said this in your speech; what did you mean?’ and, ‘as a committee, we want to know your dream so that we can incorporate our dream so that we can make it one and we move forward’. That is what I am calling upon. Let us not discuss this speech, leave it here and forget about it; it will haunt us because this is the first speech that we should discuss our development agendas in and move forward.

I don’t want to take much time but I stand here asking Members to discuss this speech objectively and make sure that we all touch the areas touched by the governor, everybody speaks about it and if you have an issue it will not be denied; if you have an issue that the governor has addressed in his address and you see that issue does not go in line with the people of Uasin Gishu, then you are allowed to say it in this House and not outside this House So that when we will be reporting back to him that his speech has been discussed, on the issues that we want to correct, we take them with the recommendations from this House.

So, I am standing here seconding this Motion and asking Members to support. Thank you very much.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Leader of Majority. A Motion has been moved, Honourable Members, and seconded and therefore I propose a question;

*(Question proposed)*

Ensuing debate!

That is where we can have our discussion, Honourable Members. Honourable Member for Tembelio.

**MCA Kigen:** Thank you so much, Honourable Speaker. First of all I would like to congratulate his Excellency the governor of Uasin Gishu Honourable Jackson Mandago for his speech. The governor touched all aspects of concern in this County and in his government. As the first arm of government, this County Assembly, I believe, we have a responsibility to ensure that from the governor’s or his Excellency’s speech this is actually a roadmap especially for this first House of our second parliament as we start business. Most of our emphasis will be relevant and abstract to the governor’s speech. I would like also to congratulate his Excellency for his re-election as the governor of Uasin Gishu.

Secondly, I would like to thank him for re-structuring the departments. I believe from the spirit of re-structuring, I believe that the governor had an intention to ensure that service delivery is offered to the people of Uasin Gishu efficiently and effectively. I would like also to thank him for putting or laying emphasis more so on agriculture and also restructuring agriculture so that we have livestock and we have fisheries sub-sector.

**MCA Kigen:** Honourable Speaker, this is a core era in this County. Most of our people and our voters are farmers and I think where the governor laid emphasis is so important and it touches our hearts, Honourable Speaker. We need to encourage our farmers so that they become real; they take agriculture as a real business and they commercialize the agro-sector so that they change their lives. I was impressed on the fisheries sub-sector. as we know our County, has great

abundance of ground water potential and if we really maximize on aqua-agriculture, fisheries is going to be one area or one sub-sector that is going to give leverage to our farmers as they increase their earnings and also eradicate poverty and wealth creation. We need also to integrate other sectors so that we maximize on their potential and really enjoy economies of scales even as our farmers through their cooperatives venture to sell their wares or their products.

Honourable Speaker, I was also impressed that His Excellency has promised to give more money on Agricultural Machinery Services (AMS). This is a sector which was under agriculture and from the governor's speech, the governor has promised to make AMS a Parastatal. If this will happen, I am sure it will go a long way in increasing production, and we are going to achieve high production; our farmers are going to achieve high production because I know AMS are experts in that sub-sector. With much emphasis on AMS the governor also assured us that there was a possibility of subsidizing production through the AMS Parastatal which will go a long way in promoting the sector.

Agro-processing also is one area that I think will give value addition in this sector. If, in the wisdom of this House, we will see the importance and they add more money, this initiative will add value and pass benefit to the farmers.

Cooperative is also one area that has become so attractive and I am also happy that the Governor has said they will be giving out loans to cooperative societies or SACCOS at an interest of five per cent. This, I am sure, will really go a long way in eradicating poverty and also enriching our societies and cooperatives. I would like also in that note to ask the relevant ministry to look for markets so that our farmers will not suffer when they are selling their produce.

Also on the other area of the Ward offices or the sub-county headquarters, I am impressed to see that the government will add more money to ensure that offices are completed but I would like, Honourable Speaker, to ask that through the Ministry of Devolution and Public Administration that please, as they complete the sub-county offices, we need also to have the Ward offices. I would wish to ask through that department that we need also Ward offices and Ward offices should include all the departments So that it will be a one stop shop. Those who want to see the MCA, those who want to see the agricultural officer and the extension officers, will finish all their activities and business at the same compound and this will save time and, at the same time, will give the officers a proximity for consultative purposes to ensure that the government is running as one and they are gearing towards one direction.

Honourable Speaker, the Health sub-sector also is an area that needs more emphasis and I have an issue, most of the facilities - during the last parliament - most of them were constructed half way. Instead of starting new facilities it is my humble request that we set aside funds to complete the already started projects. And I would like to ask humbly my dear colleagues that please maybe you are new; for those who are newly elected, please kindly, I would wish to request

kindly that please ensure that the projects that were started by your predecessor are not left to die. Please put money so that the people of those areas will get services and get value for money.

The governor also talked about the aspect of human capital. Human capital is key in every economy and we would like the government to put more money in this department so that they focus, they train our staff and we see that the career development of our staff is enhanced. We also need to ensure that we invest so much on the technical skills maybe through the tertiary colleges that we already have and perhaps also through the county initiative of sponsoring 20 students per Ward, through the vocational training. This will promote self-employment for our youth so that we do not only rely on employment per se. But we need our young men and women to employ themselves.

Also, Honourable Speaker, promotion of wealth creation is also important to eradicate poverty. In that case, we will need to offer, maybe through AGPO, of the youth, women and PWDs, a reservation as required by law of 30 per cent, so that this will assist them to create wealth through their individual groups or even through their societies. Previously, the County has been sponsoring students to go to RVTTI and the tertiary colleges. I think it is time and I think we have come of age that we need to diversify on this area of sponsorship so that we do not only sponsor students on technical courses alone. Let us also diversify this time and also allow students to go for even other courses like MTC, like TSC so that we are not monitored that we only have technical people and we lack the other side. Let us diversify on this area. I would wish to request the department of Education to look at this. Please look on this, consult the stakeholders and I believe you will come up with a solution on this area.

Honourable Speaker, We also need, on the side of job creation, to put initiatives in place that will always motivate investors to come to our County Maybe through AGOA (African Growth and Opportunity Act), through the AEZ or economic zones. We need, maybe through the department of Trade, let us make environment easy for investors to come to our County. We will need to have motivators in place. What can motivate investors to come to our County? Maybe perhaps one way, - I know somebody will say we have cheap labour because we have a lot of people - But on the other hand, the County Government can also provide land. We can provide land for investors and it will attract them so that they will come to our County to build maybe these EPZ (Economic Processing Zones) and so forth, Honourable Speaker.

Honourable Speaker, the also aspect of reducing the red tape in applying for licenses and all those other statutory requirements that one requires to start a business, please, try to reduce so that it will motivate and encourage the people who want to do business in our counties.

Honourable Speaker, thank you so much.

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Jebet!

**MCA Jebet, T:** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, maybe before I touch on the governor's speech, I would like to tell you a story that depicts my vote of this House. In the earlier session today, Honourable Speaker, the Honourable Speaker came and of course read the prayer, and I believe all of us when we are in Church, after the Pastor says Amen, we all sit down. So, of course when the Honourable Speaker had said Amen, I went to sit down but thank God for my colleagues and the clerks who rushed and told me, 'no! No! You must stand up because you cannot sit until the Honourable Speaker has sat down'. Now to me that is what depicts this House.

I would like to thank, of course the party and God for having put me here. But more than that, I thank the fact that each and every Member in this House has some way or another helped on; interact with one another towards gearing towards a common goal which is the people of Uasin Gishu County. Whether we are here; whether you are nominated or, elected or re-elected, at the end of the day, we have one common goal. And to me the joy that I have is being able to come and sit with any Honourable Member to seek guidance, to seek advice, to put forward my opinions and never be shut down.

Honourable Speaker, for me I feel that we have a terrific issue in terms of gender. I have had the opportunity to (*inaudible*) interact with the ladies of this House and each with their own character, each with their own personality, but each phenomenally amazing. As with the males in this House, I have had an opportunity to interact with them. In fact initially, when I met some Honourable Members, I was scared because they looked a bit *kali* but once you get to know the Members; once you get to interact with them, they have a diverse experience and guidance like you heard the Honourable Member there who took us through the governor's speech, telling us. So, I would like to thank each and every Member of this House for being so accommodative to us new Members. I would hope that we will continue in the spirit that we have begun.

I would like to thank you Honourable Speaker and every other Member of the staff in the County Assembly, who have made it so easy for us to transition into a position, which before, we thought was very difficult. I think for us now, the onus and the responsibility is on us, to go and be in that House that is different from what everybody else is seen; to change the picture of what it is the people think about leadership in Kenya as it is; to be leaders that supersede expectations. Like this morning an Honourable Member turned around and said, 'you may be in a committee, you may feel is overwhelming or you may feel is not in your field'. But each and every single person has got the capacity, because if you have the capacity to sit in this seat, then you have the capacity to do anything at any given time.

So, with those few remarks, I would like to maybe just touch on ICT in the governor's speech. I thought the governor's speech was brilliant, having read through it but I personally would like to touch on ICT. We have spoken with the Chairperson of ICT committee and Deputy Chairperson. (The Chair is Honourable Barbengi and the Deputy is Honourable Samora), and of course we will be having consultative meeting with other members of the committee. And if you look at the

speech, we talk about automated service provision. Now this touches also on trade. This, in terms of E-governance, is brilliant for the constituent. When you are able to apply for licenses online, you no longer have to come to the County and go through the tedious paperwork that some people may have to go through now. Everything is done on the spot and on time. So that is the brilliant thing that the governor has touched upon. Another automated service provision that comes on the E-governance is the payment of parking tickets. When you park your car in town, at times it is very difficult going around trying to find a parking instructor; maybe it is raining. So to be able to put some of these services online so that through the e-citizen portal, we are able to access parking tickets; will actually go a long way in assisting our constituents and ourselves.

I think also another area that he touched on was WI-FI in designated areas in the CBD. I personally am a strong believer that the world that we are living now is transgressing and is moving away from what was archaic before and moving towards something that is more information technology-orientated. To be able to have accessibility to WI-FI, for every single constituent of Uasin Gishu will be brilliant, because as it later on goes to States that they want to put ICT Centres that will empower people for job application. This therefore means that it is not just be empowering them through learning in the wards, you are also empowering those that are in town to be able to apply for jobs and to be able to seek opportunities through the online process.

I would just like to touch on something as well which is the communication aspect. As you know communication is my passion, so being in this committee, I am very happy. Thank for the select committee on putting them on committees. We have a web page that requires a lot of work. We should be disseminating information to our citizens online; that is at the tip of their fingers and is accessible whenever they want to. People should have information based not just on activities within the Assembly, but on activities within each and every individual Ward. We should look for way of incorporating what it is that you are doing in your Wards so that your constituents do not have every single morning to ask whether you fixed the road. All they need to do is going to a portal, open it up and they will know that Honourable Chemalan has fixed this road or so on and so forth. So, I think what we really need to do is place emphasis on communication with our Ward Members and, on a personal note, I think we also need towards having Facebook account, Twitter account, WhatsApp account that are not just about general politicization but that are forums for each and every Ward Member to be able to discuss aspects that they can come and communicate here in the House, which then later on transgress and we, as the communication committee, can use that to then also take data which therefore means that when you are coming to pass a Bill and you want to do public participation, then Honourable Speaker, it is much easier to come and access that through the ICT committee.

One thing that I did note about the governor's speech is the integration of committees; that in some places like I said about the revenue collection; revenue collection falls under both Trade and Communication. So, I think the beauty of many of these aspects is that we will also be intertwining and interworking within committees to ensure that we safeguard the interests of the

people that we serve. So, with those few remarks, I would like to thank you all very much and I would like to say that I certainly, I am very pleased with the governor's speech.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, honourable member. Honourable Chemalan!

**MCA Leting:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this time so that I can, even before going to the Governors speech, I would like to congratulate the members those who were elected and those also who were nominated. I am very happy also, I am privileged and also would want to thank the Ngeria people for bringing me back to this House.

As per the governor's speech, I would also want to congratulate him for being elected for his second term. Truly speaking the governor's speech touched the lives of all the residents of Uasin Gishu. He started touching the lives of those people who deal with agriculture. I think as per his speech, the speech touched the lives of the agriculture people especially when he said that most of the products he would like that the value addition be done to the products. He also touched the lives of those people who deal with livestock. He said maybe by subsidizing the AI services, the pedigree animals, we will be having the pedigree animals here in Uasin Gishu. I want to thank him for that. Truly speaking, his speech was wonderful. He touched even the health sector by saying that all the hospitals, the sub-county hospitals that had been constructed will be completed and after completing, he is equipping. He said he is going to equip all the laboratories and I am sure with the help of this county assembly, with the budget processing if we put more money, we will assist the governor and we will assist ourselves to fulfill the dreams he had in his mind.

He touched also the youth. I am happy the governor touched the youths by saying that by 2022, the 30% giving them on contract, giving them the tenders, he will at least increase to 50%. Youth and Women were touched. The PWDs were touched. That means the lives of Uasin Gishu residents will change. He said he will equip the youth with skills. We also thank him for the 20 youth from every ward he has been sponsoring. Also his government has been sponsoring and I am sure if all goes well with the issue of bursaries, The jubilee government promised us that by next year primary schools will be free, secondary schools will be free and we will put much of the money to sponsoring those students in colleges and also in university and that means that most of the youth will be conversant with RVTTI services and the that they give. The KMTC --- we will send students there.

He also said he is going to improve the electronic services by upgrading the ICT systems especially the WIFI, so that means most of the residents were touched.

He promised us and also said in his speech that water will no longer be a problem, if he goes purchase the four drilling machines he promised.

I am sure by end of his term 2022 most of the schools, most of the hospitals and most of the people will have got clean water. That means the governor has done his part; the work that

remains, he said, that the assembly should do the oversight work. We are supposed to push the governor as per his speech. That is my prayer.

I want to tell the county assembly members, the honourable members that it is now our work to see that the governor goes as per his speech. It is us to see that what he said is done. Otherwise I want to thank him for his brilliant and wonderful message. Otherwise, God bless us. May God bless this County Assembly as we go on making Uasin Gishu residents' life better than we found them. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Member for Soy! Have your mike on Honourable Member.

**MCA Tallam:** Thank you for giving me this opportunity to contribute to the governor's speech. Mr. Speaker, Our governor, I can say, is a planner and a performer. Looking back at his previous record, since he took the helm of this County as our first governor, he has really worked, he has really improved the lives of people of this great County Uasin Gishu and, in his speech during the inauguration of our Second Assembly, he centered on almost all matters concerning all the 15 sectorial committees. That is to say, he is very much concerned about all sectorial work done in all our sectorial committees. He touched on improving economy, job creation and even loans to our youth.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think for any county to prosper, its youth has to be taken care of. That is to say, because right now we don't have enough jobs for our youths in our county, so I can say that this idea came at an opportune time. If we can utilize this opportunity in a proper way, most of our youths will get these loans at 5% interest rates and this if they will use this loan wisely, it is going to change their lives and the lives of their families.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, he also zeroed in on designing our towns. For any town to prosper and to look beautiful, proper planning has to be carried out so that housing when there are buildings being built, there has to be a proper plan and this plan, Mr. Speaker, Sir, --- Planning is part of my sectorial committee that I chair, we will make sure that we design, we put more emphasis on designing such that there is no any other member or any other property developer who will carry out any activity before proper planning and assessment of that plan is assessed by the physical planning committee and other concerned persons. He also discussed of setting up storey houses in urban centres to cater for rural- urban migration. Mr. Speaker, Sir, as you realize most of our youths in this century are going to urban centres to secure employment for places where they can carry out their businesses and you know there is a high demand of housing of this youth, so I think the Governor touched on this sector and he said he is going to partner with other financiers like the NSSF and the National Housing Corporation to make sure that we set up proper storey houses so that we can utilize the land fully and in a clear way so that we can get our people who are migrating to towns, get where they can get proper and decent habitat.

He also talked about developing the old municipal and council houses. I think with proper planning, as per the Governor's speech, we need to even do away with the old structures and then put up the current storey houses, so that we can also utilize the land properly.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I wind up I can say that I want to congratulate each one of you for being elected to serve in this beautiful county. I want to congratulate his Excellency for his second term. I want to congratulate our Speaker, Deputy Speaker, our Leader of majority, the Whip and his assistant, the chairs of our sectorial committees and other Honourable Members. I know we have a big task ahead of us and unity is going to take us to where we want to take our people. Let us remain united, focused and act in a way that at a time when we are leaving this place, we leave it better than we found. Our people need our services, so let us design and develop policies which are going to be of benefit to our people.

Lastly I want to thank my dear wife Mary and my son Silas for standing with me during my campaigns. It wasn't easy putting into account the fact that I was a councilor in this House before and I came in as an MCA; it was a plus for my side. I thank my family very much for giving me a very big support and, Honourable Members, I will work with you all. I will interact with you especially in the committee I am working in and lastly I want to thank the people of Soy for giving me that opportunity. I am assuring people of Soy that I am up to the task and I will do what I can together with our executive and the whole of this House to see to it that I deliver to them as per their own wishes.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Governor's speech. Thank you very much.

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Member for Tapsagoi!

**MCA Choge:** Thank you, Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for having been elected into this House. First before I touch on the governor's speech, I would want also to thank the people of Tapsagoi for having elected me to this House so that I can work for the people of Uasin Gishu and also the people of Tapsagoi. Again I would want to thank all the members. I will congratulate all the members for having been elected into this House. We have been interacting and I believe we are going to work together as a team so that we deliver to the people of Uasin Gishu. Again I would want also to thank my family for having stood with me during the time of campaigns. It was not easy but they stood by me. That is why I am here today.

Touching on the Governor's speech, I want to say that the governor touched on the areas that touch on the lives and especially the youths and the people of Uasin Gishu. First when you look at the area of health, then you realize that when you look at all the sub-county hospitals, you find that actually all the sub-county hospitals are finished and then it means we are going to reduce --- because I remember yesterday I was in our MTRH, then I realized that when you get there, you can find two patients sleeping in the same bed. If the sub-county hospitals are improved and finished, it means we are going to reduce the traffic in those hospitals. Again if at all those

hospitals are finished and equipped, then our people are going to get the services that they do require, so I applaud the governor's speech.

Again he touched on water. Water has been a problem and especially I know when we talk about water then women always see that there is hope in it. When we talk of water, because since Independence all the politicians have been talking about providing water to the communities but we have realized that about 30% has been achieved, but I believe that according to the Governor's speech or by purchasing about four borehole machines, it means that all schools are going to be provided with drilled water, clean water and communities are going to be provided with water. So I see that area is of much interest to me and it is part of the policy or part of the agenda that I talked during my campaign.

Again he talked about giving when you come to this area of Education. Being a teacher myself, when he talked of providing vocational skills and technical skills, because we realize that we have been churning students from high school and then those students just end up remaining in the villages without proceeding in their education, but now, according to the Governor's speech, then it means we are going to give some youths some hope because if we increase or if the number of students who are going to be provided with sponsorship, it means our County is going to develop because without our youth getting knowledge, it is going to be very difficult for our county to develop.

Again combining with that he talked about giving credit to the youths, and then it means we are giving hope to the youths and this is the area that is of much interest to us all. Again adding on that, he talked about the fisheries and this is the area that is going when we take interest in this, it is going to be of tremendous, it is going to change tremendously the livelihood of the youths because assuming in your ward you build about four of them and then you take let us say 100 of the youths, it means they are going to get some income from this. So let me say that according to the governor's speech I do support. So let me thank you all. Thank you, Speaker, thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Honourable Member for Tapsagoi. I am giving a priority to honourable Menjo. I have seen you, honourable Shah, honourable member for Kipchamo. I have also seen you Gorette. We will discuss this, Honourable Members, for the next three more sessions, so we still have time. Proceed, honourable Menjo.

**MCA Sambai:** Mr. Speaker, sir, I want to congratulate you for being elected. I want to congratulate the elected and nominated Members those that have come to this assembly. I want to thank God for giving me this opportunity to be here. I am also thanking the Jubilee party, that is, my party that has nominated me to come to this county assembly. I want to pray that I will be loyal to the party and do what I am supposed to do in this House. I want also to thank the people in the party who really saw it was good; we were so many but me to be one of them, it is only God. I just want to make a comment about the governor's speech. I want to congratulate the governor for the wonderful speech he has given. The governor's speech is mainly on the lives of

our people. He is so concerned about the people of Uasin Gishu because our people, their main livelihood is on agriculture. So I want to say, he gave out three things that he wants to do which actually are working for our people.

One, He said he was going to empower the people by making sure that agriculture is actually improved. He also said he is going to Empower people economically. He said he wants to see that people in the rural areas, who are our people, do not do the work and yet do not get value for what they do.

The governor, in his speech, also has said he is going to create Wealth and jobs for our people. So we really want to thank our governor in his speech. He is thinking about the people. He knows what the people on the ground are actually waiting for.

In his speech also he talked about the members. He said every member here, the priority is what affects your people in the area you come from. We know what affects our people is they do farming and yet they do not get what they are supposed to get, so he is so concerned that you people discuss about what affects the people in your area. That is what I saw in his speech.

The governor also talked about peace. He congratulated the people of this county that they were able to maintain peace during elections, after elections and even up to today, he said, the courts proceedings have been going on but he is happy about how the people of this county maintained peace. So we still need to maintain peace because that is what is in the governor's speech.

He has also talked about what we need to do to our people; we need to work as a team in this House. We need to look at the bills. What the governor has said is any bill concerning the lives of our people is what we need to discuss as members of county assembly to help our people.

Another thing also is that he looked at the youth. He talked about RVTTI and said he is supposed to add money to those places so that our children get training. So we what we say about this speech is actually based on the human beings. He wants to see that the lives of our people are so much improved. As he did the first time, he talked about roads and the roads were done, so right now he is going to agriculture, livestock and fisheries.

So with those few remarks, I want to say I support the governor's speech and let us always work as a team. I want to congratulate all of you and let us always be concerned about what affects our people. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you! Honourable Members, I want to seek your indulgence. Given that we are still at the formative stage of this Honorable House I will exercise my digression as the Chair to allow honorable Baraswo to conclude, then I will invoke a standing order. Honourable Members, we will still continue. Order, honourable Member! Order! I am still making a communication. We will still have time for the governor's address because it is our maiden address also here at the Honorable House. That is the direction. You can proceed.

**MCA Boroswa:** Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. first of all, may I take this opportunity once more to congratulate the governor of Uasin Gishu for having being elected for the second term showing that people have confidence in his leadership and, as the assembly, we also have confidence in his speech because, one, from his speech he has stated categorically that he has all the confidence in us to discharge our duties diligently, objectively and impartially so that we can give quality service to our people because, as he said, we are equal to the task.

Mr. Speaker, following the speech of the governor, we have realized that when you look at his speech actually he is looking on ways and means of improving the economy of our people. And in doing so, he is actually addressing poverty through agriculture. He is also addressing literacy in education, that is, illiteracy in education and he has also done eradication of illness through health. I want to support his speech by saying we are ready to support him through all means by ensuring that, having done the infrastructure and given the services that are required we, as the members of the second county assembly, are going to ensure that we make sure we look for ways and means of improving the lives of our people through the same services that he has mentioned here. For example, when we talk about health services, as much we are improving the infrastructure in our sub counties, there are other modalities that we can use to reduce the number of our people who are in-patients or out-patients by making sure we support the governor through trainings and seminars to empower our people because we know most of the sicknesses that affect our people are lifestyle kind of thing. So if we can address the lifestyle of our people, I want to believe the congestion that we are getting in our hospitals is going to reduce. If we can also address how people will live in a positive way - whether you are having cancer, whether you are HIV positive - if those people can be empowered on how to live positively, I want to believe that those people will not be visiting the facility more frequently and, by doing so, we shall be improving our economy because when our people are not ailing, I believe, they will be very active in the sector of agriculture. They will be very active in the sector of fisheries. They will be very active in the agro-business adding value to our products. They will also be very active in the sector of education. Therefore looking at all this, I want to say our governor is in line with the life of the people.

I also want to applaud our governor for having fought corruption by the lands that he has recovered . When we look at the lands that he has made an effort to recover from the hands of those wolves and the hyenas who wanted to take away the land of Uasin Gishu and he has been able to bring them back, I want to say he is one of the men who stand to fight the corruption. He has the integrity as it stands and we are ready to support his integrity and I want this House to ensure that any public land that has been taken away must be returned to the public so that we can utilize the same land to make sure we improve the status and the lives of our people.

When we are talking about the improvement of --- we have the cooperatives societies. For sure it is a one way of not making our people to flock to the town but to make our people receive employments from within their environs. so cooperatives societies that have been already empowered we need to have every ward to have a cooperatives society for our farmers so that

when they are delivering their produce, they deliver it within the shortest period so that they don't have our products getting spoiled because of the distance that they are being taken to. So, I want to say the governor surely has the heart of bringing sanity in our economy so at the end of it all, what is required of all of us these sub-sectoral requirements are interrelated.

When we look at water and fisheries they are interrelated. When we look at the facilities they require water. When we look at agriculture it requires water. therefore It means before we finish our term here, the five year term, All of us should really work very very hard to ensure that we have water resources in all our wards and I think that is already work to be done. And water is life. the minute we have water, I want to believe that old granny, that old mama , that young lady who is getting married will be very comfortable because the time our people waste to go and fetch water, they would have done so many other things.

I want to applaud that by saying our governor surely no wonder most of us were dying to bring him back. We were really dying to bring him back because of the work we had seen him do on the roads. Most of our roads were impassable in the previous government, but when the governor, in 2013, I want to believe that most of the roads are accessible. The only thing we need to ensure that even the same roads are maintained and those ones that maybe our House that left was not able to finish, we also support by ensuring that everywhere is accessible. That is the duty of our Honourable Member, the chairman of lands roads to ensure that every part of our county is accessible. That is what is remaining for us to do in actually service delivery to our people.

Otherwise, Honourable Members of this House, I want to believe that this is one of the blended House that is going to deliver the dreams of our governor. Thank you.

**Deputy speaker:** Thank you, Honourable Members. I had already given directions, honourable Members, and I want to invoke standing orders No.19(5) 'The thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of the public policy contained in the address of the Governor'. The debate, Honourable Members, shall not exceed four sitting days. We have already done first session, Honourable Members, we still have other three sittings over the same. I would encourage Members to go through the governor's address and be able to discuss it on the day that I will indicate.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Members, there being no other business, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2:30 PM.

The House rose at 3:42 PM



